

Debbi and Randy Fields at their cookie store in Park City.

We're really committed to Utah, and Utah is committed to children," said Debbi and Randy Fields, who gave University of Utah Hospital \$2.1 million of corporate stock in the holding company that owns Mrs. Fields' Cookies. The deferred gift will be used for

pediatric care and research.

All their philanthropic activities involve children's health, said the Fields, who have three daughters ages three, six and eight. "As parents, we feel the single most tragic event is the serious illness or

death of a child," said Mr. Fields.

In addition to the stock, the Fields donated money to build a playhouse in the hospital's Pediatric Clinic and furnish it with toys two

Clinic and furnish it with toys two years ago. They also have helped advance University research on the genetics of cystic fibrosis.

"We'd like to encourage other entrepreneurs to join us," noted Mr. Fields. By pooling resources, businesses can help provide Utah's children with the finest health-care, and "all of us will be the beneficiaries."

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Marilynn Z. Nielson

Marilynn Z. Nielson, Wasatch School District's "Teacher of The Year," is a sixth grade teacher at Wasatch Middle School, Marilyn loves learning and is a strong believer in on-going education and in working to improve in her field.* She received her B.A. Degree in " Elementary Education from BYU, her M.Ed. Degree in Instructional Technology from Utah State University, a Certificate of Completion the Mentor Teacher's Academy, and has taken many workshops and inservice classes as well as being an inservice presenter. She has been active in educational organizations and has held many district and school committee of-

fices.

Marilynn is excited about teaching. She says, "Education is distinguished from many other fields by the fact that educators deal with real lives and not just products." She believes not only in helping every student attain the highest possible land of literacy but in the impact level of literacy but in the impor-tance of each individual. She feels that every child has special capabilities and can learn from teachers who couple the essential vilieves in them.

She has implemented a Logowriter program in her classroom which not only teaches students basic computer skills but teaches thinking skills and problem solving. She was the first in the district to set up a Cooperative Learning classroom and has pre-sented many workshops in the ad-vantages of this environment in the classroom. She has developed cur-riculum for teaching English grammar through a student's cre-ative writing and has seen five months more growth on the students' achievement tests of those students using this curriculum than those using the traditional ap-

Marilynn is a very caring teacher and shows concern for each student as well as using the skills that she has developed as an outstanding teacher. She was selected by the faculty as "The Teacher Who Cares Most About Kids." Her love for each child is obvious and she said, "If I could give a message to the people of American, it would be to strengthen American homes. A school can be no stronger than the community that supports it." Students in her classes know that their teacher cares about them and be-

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around our beautifully decorated 12 foot Christmas tree, the excitement and spirit of Christmas time was very evident. Singing around the Christmas tree is an annual tradi-tional event at J. R. Smith. During this singing time, each grade pre-sents a Christmas song to add to the many other carols. The teachers always present a special number and this year was great. Several teachers portrayed themselves as dolls in an extremely humorous manner as Mrs. Holmes sang Oh You Beauti-ful Doll. It was terrific. Zions Bank representatives presented the school with their donation for the ornaments made for the tree. This was added to our Sub-For-Santa fund, which fulfilled our goal. The children also received a special goodie treat from the bank members. We wish to thank them for their gen-

Monday the "Sunshine Generation" presented a Christmas pro-gram. It was a fun program and great to see some of our very own students performing. This began a week of Christmas fun and cheer week of Christmas fun and cheer that continued through each day. We appreciated the "Sunshine Gen-eration" for coming and sharing their happiness with us.

Monday evening, the faculty en-joyed good company, delicious food

High Country Restaurant and Dou-glas Pope entertained us with lovely ballads and Christmas carols accompanied on his guitar. His son, Ben, joined him for a fun number. Mrs. Mair and Mrs. Morgan are credited for a fun evening shared by

On Tuesday, the second graders presented their program of song and dance, "Christmas Around The World." The children did an excellent job and the parents received a real treat. We thank the parents for their support and congratulate the second graders and their teachers for a job very well done.

Wednesday, the high school Show Choir presented their pro-gram of "One Magic Christmas." The boys choir presented a fun song, "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer." Known as Men, Mus-cle and Music these presented cle and Music, these young men did a great job, very amusing and de-lighted the students.

The show choirs presentation captivated the students with song and dance. Their lively presentation provided excellent entertainment and the hit of the program was Frosty (Mr. Jensen) as he danced about the

We thank the Show Choir and Mr. Thompson for sharing their

Mrs. Mac and her students pre-sented a chorale reading of "The Night Before Christmas" to the second and third graders. The students enjoyed the poem and thanked the seventh grade class and Mrs. Mac for coming and especially their treat. It was well done

As Christmas projects and par-ties finished the day on Thursday, the children left school with hugs and a "Merry Christmas." Teachers surveyed their desks filled with treats and wrapped surprises from excited students who had earlier hustled about leaving these gifts here and there. You might say Santa's elves were hard at work. What delight and thoughtfulness was given.
The teachers were treated to a

lovely buffet luncheon earlier from the school board and our principal. Thank you, it was delicious and such a special treat.

Christmas, a time of surprises and fun, a time of love and concern, a time to truly say "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Happy Holidays to everyone from the fac-ulty and students at J. R. Smith.



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